

## Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior

## §941.761

the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507.

(e) The following provisions of South Dakota laws provide, where applicable, for more stringent environmental control and regulation of surface coal mining operations than do the provisions of the Act and the regulations in this chapter. Therefore, pursuant to section 505(b) of the Act, they shall not be construed to be inconsistent with the Act:

(1) South Dakota Compiled Laws Annotated (S. D. Comp. Laws Ann.) Chap. 45-6B, section 33(1)-(5) on lands unsuitable for mining.

(2) S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 45-6C, sections 16, 19, 27, and 28.

(3) Weed Control, S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 38-22.

(4) Protection of fishing waters, S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 41-13.

(5) Remedies for protection of the environment, S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 34A-10.

(6) Air pollution control, S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 34A-1.

(7) Water pollution control, S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 34A-2.

(8) Solid waste disposal, S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 34A-6.

(9) Groundwater, S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 46-6.

(f) The following are South Dakota laws that interfere with the achievement of the purposes and requirements of the Act and are, in accordance with section 504(g) of the Act, preempted and superseded with respect to surface coal mining, except to the extent that they regulate surface coal mining operations which affect two acres or less, or which otherwise are not regulated by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

(1) S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 45-6B, except with respect to the criteria for designating lands unsuitable for mining, section 33(1)-(5).

(2) S. D. Comp. Laws Ann. Chap. 45-6C, except with respect to the requirements to consult with the owner of surface lands to be explored and the right of the owner to establish reasonable restrictions on exploration travel (section 16), the requirement to post an exploration reclamation bond (section 19), the prohibition of explosives use in exploration within one-half mile of a flowing water well or a domestic water

well without the owner's permission (section 27), and the requirement to cap, plug, and seal all exploration test holes (section 28).

(g) The Secretary may grant a limited variance from the performance standards of §§941.815 through 941.828 of this part if the applicant for coal exploration approval or a surface mining permit submitted pursuant to §§941.772 through 941.785 demonstrates in the application that:

(1) Such variance is necessary because of the unique nature of South Dakota's terrain, climate, biological, chemical, or other relevant physical conditions; and

(2) The proposed alternative will achieve equal or greater environmental protection than does the performance requirement from which the variance is requested.

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### §941.701 General.

Sections 700.5, 700.11, 700.12, 700.13, 700.14, 700.15 and part 701 of this chapter shall apply to surface coal mining operations in South Dakota.

### §941.702 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals.

Part 702 of this chapter, *Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals*, shall apply to any person who conducts coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals for purposes of commercial use or sale.

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### §941.707 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to Government-financed highway or other construction.

Part 707 of this chapter, *Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to Government-Financed Highway or Other Construction*, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

### §941.761 Areas designated unsuitable for surface coal mining by act of Congress.

Part 761 of this chapter, *Areas Designated by Act of Congress*, shall apply